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58. (Amended) Process for preparing complexes according to claim 35, characterised in that first DNA and PEI, optionally modified with a cellular ligand, are complexed by mixing dilute [the] solutions of the DNA and the PEI and then the hydrophilic polymer is bound to PEI.

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61. (Amended) Process according to claim 59, characterised in that the complexing is carried at a salt concentration below [the] physiological value.

Remarks

Consideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 35-68 are pending in the application, with 35 being the sole the independent claim. Claims 58 and 61 are sought to be amended. The amendment is being made to further clarify Applicants' claimed invention. Support for the amendment can be found in Examples 1 and 2 of the specification. More particularly, support can be found in Example 2a. These changes do not narrow the scope of the claims and do not introduce new matter. Their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 35-43 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by either one of Yin *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,919,442) or Tomalia *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,714,166). Applicants respectfully disagree.